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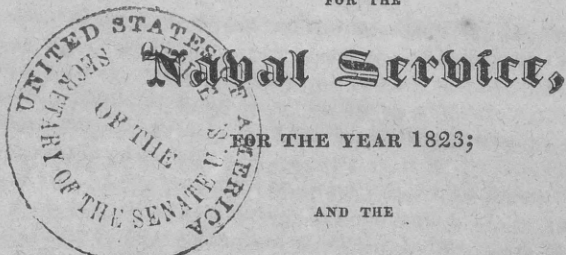
FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

TRANSMITTING THE

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE



AND THE

UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS,

ON THE FIRST FEBRUARY, 1824.

FEBRUARY 18, 1824.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,

16th February, 1824.

SIR: In conformity with the act, approved 1st May, 1820, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the annual statement marked A, of the appropriations and expenditures for the Naval Service, for the year 1823, accompanied by a paper, marked B, shewing the expenditures under each head, since the 1st January, 1824; and the unexpended balances of appropriations, on the 1st February, 1824.

Statement A exhibits the balances on hand, on the 1st day of January, 1823; the appropriations for 1823; the expenditures up to the 1st day of January, 1824, with the unexpended balances on that day.

Statement B exhibits the expenditures, from the 1st day of January to the 1st day of February, 1824, and the balances of the appropriations on that day, with a column of remarks, shewing the probable and existing demands upon those balances separately; these remarks will render further detail unnecessary in this communication.

Accompanying the whole, is a copy of a letter from the Commissioners of the Navy, (referred to in note A, on statement B,) suggesting the propriety of transferring the balances of certain specified appropriations to those designated in the letter, thereby simplifying the money transactions of the Department, and relieving the books from numerous and useless balances of old appropriations.

Should the views suggested by the Commissioners be adopted, it will be further necessary to give to the Accounting Officer the power to charge upon the new appropriations, all transfers which may be found necessary in the adjustment of the accounts of disbursing officers.

The estimates for the year 1824 are already before the honorable Committee of Ways and Means, and have been calculated upon a scale of economy, applicable only to the existing state of things; they are deemed adequate (with the balances on hand) to all the demands of the service, should this state of things continue.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Sir, your most obed't serv't,

SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD.

The honorable the SPEAKER

of the House of Representatives.

STATEMENT of the Appropriations for the Service of the Navy Department, for the year 1823; pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 1st of May, 1820.

APPROPRIATIONS.	Balances of Appropriations, on the 1st day of January, 1823.	Amount transferred from the First Comptroller's Office, 27th March, 1823.	Appropriated in 1823.	Repayments in 1823.	Total amount applicable to the service of the year 1823.	Amount drawn by requisitions from the Treasury, during the year 1823.	Balances of Appropriations, on the 31st day of December, 1823.
Pay and Subsistence of the Officers, and Pay of Seamen	\$190,165 62	-	\$929,503 12	\$73,980 88	\$1,193,649 62	\$978,635 31	\$215,014 31
Provisions	86,734 54	-	220,000 00	51,502 15	358,236 69	267,312 35	90,924 34
Contingent Expenses	42,396 71	-	220,000 00	11,158 90	273,555 61	170,767 41	102,788 20
Navy Yards, Docks, and Wharves	159 01	-	82,000 00	801 13	82,960 14	82,935 64	24 50
Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, including small Arms, manufacture of Powder, &c.	21,046 86	-	20,000 00	8,939 07	49,985 93	16,605 68	33,380 25
Medicines, Hospital Stores, and all expenses on account of the sick	14,758 70	-	20,000 00	619 75	35,378 45	26,781 73	8,596 72
Repairs of Vessels	113,615 14	-	350,000 00	12,924 00	476,539 14	412,098 85	64,440 29
Gradual increase of the Navy	443,677 12	-	500,000 00	63,589 53	1,007,266 65	371,318 87	635,947 78
Shells, Shot, and Military Stores	4,035 95	-	-	-	4,035 95	-	4,035 95
Surveying certain parts of the Coast of North Carolina	430 38	-	-	7 00	437 38	409 00	28 38
Pay of Superintendents, Naval Constructors, Store-keepers, &c.	29 61	-	44,650 00	-	44,679 61	40,201 75	4,477 86
Pay of Laborers, &c. and Fuel for Engine	218 64	-	30,000 00	-	30,218 64	21,851 00	8,367 64
Erecting and completing Houses over Ships in ordinary, &c.	-	-	80,000 00	-	80,000 00	4,914 11	75,085 89
Construction of a Dock and Wharves, in connexion with the Inclined Plane	-	-	50,000 00	-	50,000 00	24,890 28	25,109 72
Prohibition of the Slave Trade	-	19,570 17	50,000 00	472 88	70,042 05	8,971 63	61,071 42
Suppression of Piracy	147,585 00	-	-	3,000 00	150,585 00	107,476 93	43,108 07
Purchase of Timber	11,450 82	-	-	100 00	11,550 82	-	11,550 82
Repairs of Vessels damaged in action	984 00	-	-	-	984 00	-	984 00
Repairs, &c. of the Frigates Chesapeake, Constellation, and Adams	450 00	-	-	-	450 00	-	450 00
Building Seventy-Four's and Frigates	4 00	-	-	-	4 00	-	4 00
Pay and Subsistence of the Marine Corps	49,137 87	-	176,474 00	2,423 39	228,035 26	156,451 09	71,584 17
Clothing of the Marine Corps	1,447 98	-	29,000 00	232 75	30,680 73	28,110 90	2,569 83
Contingent Expenses do.	2,852 62	-	14,000 00	-	16,852 62	16,852 62	-
Military Stores do.	10,500 35	-	-	-	10,500 35	7,937 80	2,562 55
Fuel for do.	765 02	-	6,857 50	-	7,622 52	4,134 32	3,488 20
Act for the relief of the widows and orphans of persons lost in the United States' brig Epervier. Act 3d March, 1817	7,481 70	-	-	-	7,481 70	-	7,481 70
Surveying the Coast of Florida	-	2,850 00	-	-	2,850 00	1,337 50	1,512 50
Appropriations for the Captors of Algerine Vessels. Act 27th April, 1816	-	-	-	14,970 25	14,970 25	-	14,970 25
Purchase of Vessels, to carry from 8 to 16 guns each	-	-	-	1,532 03	1,532 03	-	1,532 03
Appropriations for rewarding the Officers and Crew of the sloop of war Hornet, for the capture and destruction of the British sloop of war Penguin. Act 28th February, 1816	-	-	-	250 83	250 83	-	250 83
	\$1,149,927 64	\$22,420 17	\$2,822,484 62	\$246,504 54	\$4,241,336 97	\$2,749,994 77	\$1,491,342 20

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STATEMENT, shewing the unexpended balances of the Appropriations for the Naval Service, for the year, 1823, on the first day of January, 1824, the Expenditure under each head of Appropriation, from the first to the 31st day of January, 1824, and the unexpended balance under each head, on the first day of February, 1824.

	Balances on the 1st day of January, 1824.	Expenditures from the 1st to the 31st January, 1824.	Balances on the 1st day of February, 1824.	
Pay, &c. of the Navy	\$215,014 31	\$107,013 63	\$108,000 68	The whole bal. req'd. & must be added to the ap. as the Mediterranean, Pacific, & part of the W. I. squad'ns. are to be paid off.
Provisions	90,924 34	24,737 03	66,187 31	The whole required to make good existing contracts.
Repairs of Vessels	64,440 29	46,613 14	17,827 15	Balance not sufficient to meet existing demands.
Navy Yards	24 50		24 50	Do. do. do. do.
Medicines, Hospital Stores, &c.	8,596 72	4,587 60	4,009 12	Balance wanting to meet demands for the last year.
Contingent expenses	102,788 20	17,440 47	85,347 73	Necessary for the adjustment of the accounts of ships afloat.
Ordnance, &c.	33,380 25	3,914 15	29,466 10	A re-appropriation of this balance will be sufficient, for the current year, without adding the sum estimated for.
Increase of the Navy	635,947 78	13,933 48	622,014 30	Annual appropriation.
Pay of Superintendants, &c.	4,447 86	4,296 65	181 21	Balance insufficient for existing demands.
Do. Laborers	8,367 64	2,162 88	6,204 76	Do. do. do.
Shot, Shells, &c.	4,035 95		4,035 95	Balance necessary to pay for shot contracted for.
Suppression of Piracy	43,108 07	9,888 90	33,219 17	Object of appropriation not completed.
Prohibition of the Slave trade	61,071 42		61,071 42	Do. do. do.
Survey of the Coast of North Carolina	28 38		28 38	Claims to a considerable amount existing, for which this balance is not sufficient.
Do. do. Florida	1,512 50		1,512 50	Object of appropriation not completed.
Erecting Ship Houses	75,085 89	7,469 83	67,616 06	Balance mostly due to the appropriations for "Increase," and "Navy Yards."
Inclined Plane	25,109 72	2,517 92	22,591 80	Balance wanted, as the works are not finished.
MARINE CORPS.				
Pay and Subsistence	71,584 17	14,961 47	56,622 70	The Paymaster says the whole will be required. Any surplus, to go to the Hospital Fund.
Clothing	2,569 83	2,500	69 83	
Military Stores	2,562 55	2,551 25	11 30	
Contingent expenses				
Fuel	3,488 20	3,476 93	11 27	Quartermaster states all will be wanted.
Purchase of Timber	11,550 82		11,550 82 A	Surplus Fund.
Repairs of vessels damaged in action	984		984 A	
Repairs, &c. of the Frigates Chesapeake, Constellation, and Adams	450		450 A	
Building Seventy Fours and Frigates	4		4 A	
Purchase of vessels, to carry from eight to sixteen guns	1,532 03		1,532 03 A	A These appropriations, which by law go to the Surplus Fund, have been asked for under the new heads of appropriation, in the estimates for 1824, as per letter from the Commissioners of the Navy, dated 7th February, 1824, in relation to the transfer of sundry balances of appropriation to those designated.
Act for the relief of the widows and orphans of persons lost in the U. S. brig Epervier— Act 3d March, 1817.	7,481 70		7,481 70	
Appropriation for the captors of Algerine vessels—Act 27th April, 1816.	14,970 25		14,970 25	
Appropriation for rewarding the officers and crew of the Sloop of War Hornet, for the capture and destruction of the British Sloop of War Penguin—Act 28th February, 1816.	250 83		250 83	

RECAPITULATION.

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1st Column.	Balances of Appropriations, on the 1st day of January, 1823,	\$1,149,927 64
2d do.	Amount transferred from 1st Comptroller's office, 27th March, 1823,	22,420 17
3d do.	Appropriations in 1823, - - - - -	2,822,484 62
4th do.	Repayments in 1823, - - - - -	246,504 54
5th do.	Will make this column of Total amount, applicable to the service of the year 1823,	\$4,241,336 97
6th do.	From which deduct this column of Amount drawn by Requisitions from the Treasury, during the year 1823, - - - - -	2,749,994 77
7th do.	Will leave this column of Balances of Appropriations, on the 31st day of Dec'r, 1823,	\$1,491,342 20

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Recapitulation of the Expenditures of the Navy Department, during the year 1823.

6th Column.	Amount drawn by Requisitions from the Treasury, during the year 1823,	-	\$2,749,994 77
4th do.	From which deduct this column of Repayments in 1823, - - -	-	246,504 54
	Will leave the amount expended by the Navy Department in 1823, - - -	-	\$2,503,490 23

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Comptroller's Office, February 2d, 1824.

RICHARD CUTTS.

NAVY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

7th February, 1824.

SIR: The Board of Navy Commissioners would respectfully recommend, that application be made to the Naval Committee, so to prepare the appropriation bill, for the support of the Navy, for the year 1824, that the balances of former appropriations remaining unexpended on the 1st January, 1824, shall be transferred to the several and respective heads of appropriation, agreeably to the last estimates; that is to say:

That the balance of "Pay, &c. of the Navy," be transferred to "Pay and Subsistence of the Commission, Warrant, and Petty Officers; and the Pay of able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, and Boys, except those employed in Navy Yards and Shore Stations."

That the balance of "Provisions" be transferred to "Provisions."

That the balance of "Repairs of Vessels," "Suppression of Piracy," "Prohibition of Slave Trade," "Repairs of Vessels damaged in action," "Purchase of Timber," "Purchase of Vessels, to carry from 8 to 16 Guns," "74's and Frigates," and "Repairs of Constellation," be transferred to "Repairs and Equipment of Vessels, and for wear and tear."

That the balances of "Navy Yards, Docks, and Wharves," "Laborers," and "Ship Houses," be transferred to "Improvement and Repairs of Navy Yards, including Docks, Slips, Enclosures, and Buildings of every description."

That the balance of "Medicines, &c." be transferred to "Medicines and Hospital Stores, including all expenses on account of the Sick."

That the balances of "Ordnance and Ordnance Stores," and "Shot, Shells, and Military Stores," be transferred to "Ordnance and Ordnance Stores, including Small Arms, the manufacture of Powder, &c."

That the balance of "Pay to Superintendents, Storekeepers, &c." be transferred to "Pay, Subsistence, and Allowances of every description, to all Commission and Warrant Officers employed at the several Navy Yards and Shore Stations: also, of Naval Constructors, Storekeepers, Inspectors, Master Workmen, Clerks of Yards, of the Check, and of Commandants, and Porters attached to the Navy Yards and Stations."

That the balances of "Contingent Expenses," "Survey of Coast of Florida," and "Survey of Coast of North Carolina," be transferred to "Contingent Expenses, including Transportation of Articles, Travelling Expenses, Stationery, Commissions, Courts Martial, Coals for Smith, Fuel for Engines and Public Offices, and all Extra Allowances."

The balances of "Gradual Increase," and of "Inclined Plane, Dock, &c." to remain to the credit of those appropriations, respectively.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Sir, your most obed't serv't,

JNO. RODGERS.

Honorable SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD,

Secretary of the Navy.